

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) A method for obtaining internal server data from a computer network having a client and a server, the method comprising the following steps:

generating at the client an HTTP path name having an identity of a container within the server that contains administrative data about the server;

transmitting the HTTP path name from the client to the server;

determining at the server whether the HTTP path name includes the identity of the container of the server;

processing the HTTP path name to retrieve the administrative data from the server if the HTTP path name includes the identity of the container; and

transmitting the administrative data to the client.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein an administrative module of the server determines whether the HTTP path name includes the identity of the container.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein an administrative module of the server processes the HTTP path name to retrieve the administrative data.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the server transmits an HTML page if a container is not identified within the HTTP path name.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the administrative data is a snapshot of prescribed values.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the snapshot of prescribed values is generated at a particular point in time.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of changing a value of the server with the HTTP path name.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing a program which implements is executed by a server to implement the following procedure:

~~generating at a client receiving~~ an HTTP path name having an identity of a container within [a] said server that contains administrative data about the server;

~~transmitting the HTTP path name from the client to the server;~~

determining at the server whether the HTTP path name includes the identity of the container of the server;

processing the HTTP path name to retrieve the administrative data from said container of the server if the HTTP path name includes the identity of the container; and

transmitting the data to the a client.

Claim 12 -13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 11 wherein the program further includes instructions to cause the server transmits to transmit an HTML page if a container is not identified within the HTTP path name.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 11 wherein the administrative data is a snapshot of prescribed values.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 15 wherein the snapshot of prescribed values is generated at a particular point in time.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 11 further comprising the step of changing a value of the server with the HTTP path name.

18. (Previously Presented) A computer network comprising:

a client computer configured to generate an HTTP path name that identifies a container within the server that has administrative data about the server.

a server computer in communication with the client computer, the server computer configured to determine whether the HTTP path name includes the identity of the container and to process the HTTP path name to retrieve the administrative data from the server if the HTTP path name includes the identity of the container, the server computer being configured to transmit the administrative data to the client computer.

19. (Previously Presented) The network of claim 18 wherein the client computer is configured to transmit an HTTP path name that changes a value of the server computer.

20. (Previously Presented) The network of claim 19 wherein the server computer is configured to change a value of the server computer in response to the HTTP path name transmitted from the client computer.

21. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein said administrative data is retrieved from the container identified in the HTTP path name.

22. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein said path name indicates a virtual hierarchical data structure of containers.

23. (New) A network server that performs the following functions:

receiving an HTTP path name having an identity of a container within said server that contains administrative data about the server;

determining whether the HTTP path name includes the identity of the container of the server;

processing the HTTP path name to retrieve the administrative data from said container of the server if the HTTP path name includes the identity of the container; and

transmitting the data to a client.

24. (New) The server of claim 23, wherein said path name indicates a virtual hierarchical data structure of containers.

25. (New) The server of claim 23, wherein the server transmits an HTML page if a container is not identified within the HTTP path name.

26. (New) The server of claim 23, wherein the administrative data is a snapshot of prescribed values.